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In re Application of

Craig, et al.

: DECISION ON PETITION

Application No. 10/849,603

Filed: May 19, 2004

Atty. Dkt. No.: P32672C1

This decision is in response on the "PETITION TO CORRECT FILE DATE," filed August 11, 2005. This matter is being treated under 37 CFR 1.10(c) to accord the above-identified application a filing date of May 19, 2004.

Petitioners allege that the application was filed May 19, 2004 rather than May 18, 2004. Petitioners have included as proof of actual filing via USPS Express Mail service a copy of an Express Mail label bearing tracking number EL964437102US (the same Express Mail number found on the application transmittal letter accompanying the original application papers located in the official file) and a "date-in" of November 18, 2004. The label also bears a postmark of May 19, 2004. However, supplemental data procured from the USPS has substantiated petitioners' contention that the package was accepted into Express Mail service on May 19, 2004 and delivered to the USPTO on May 21, 2004.

In view of the above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.10(c) to accord the above-identified application a filing date of May 19, 2004 is hereby GRANTED.

No fee is due in connection with this petition.

This application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing with a filing date of May 19, 2004.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

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